books and the books are kept in the library.

As far as this particular book is concerned, I do not know its contents and we will certainly and carefully examine all those things. There are two sides of this issue which are expressed very deeply and the two sides cannot be lost sight of. And anything we do (with) respect to one book can be asked to be done with respect to some othere book also. Now, that is the issue we shall have to judge and assess very very carefully. We will certainly do it. On the one hand, we would not like anything to be acquired or kept in the library which hurts the feelings. On the other hand, we would not like to take a decision which would really create problems in acquiring the books also. So, I will very carefully go through it and what is necessary will certainly be done.

(*Interruptions*)

AN HON. MEMBER: What is the reaction of the Government?

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, certain demands have been made for proscribing a book. We will examine the matter because I do not know what the book contains. The Government will certainly look into it.

[*Translation*]

DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR (Hapur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the august House to an important matter.

Uttar Pradesh is the largest sugarcane producing State in the country. Sugar industry of the State in which nearly 30 lakh sugarcane growers and lakhs of labourers are directly involved. There are 105 sugar mills in the State which could, at present, crush only 33 percent of total sugarcane grown in the State. The remaining 67 percent sugarcane is utilised in khandsari units and for producing jaggery, fodder and seeds etc. Due to lack of adequate number of sugar mills, 2/3rd of sugarcane does not fetch remunerative price.

Sir, abundant sugar-cane is produced in my constituency, Ghaziabad. But there are not suffient number of sugar mills there because of which the farmers of my constituency will have to give the sugarcane at the cruisers at much lower price. Due to this, the economic condition of sugarcane growers is deteriorating. It is, therefore, very necessary to set up at least two sugar mills so that the farmers of my area could get a good price for their sugarcane. Necessary steps should be taken in this regard.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to state that some 154 applications are pending with the Central Government since long for issuing licenses for setting up sugar mills at about 80 places.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would urge the Central Government to give clearance to issue licences for setting up sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is well known that if the sugar cane is crushed in sugar mills, recovery of sugar canes to 10-11 percent whereas it is only 4-5 percent in Khandsari or by power expellers. It is clear as to how much loss the country suffers. While, On one hand, setting up of sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh will benefit the farmres, at the same time it will help in solving the unemployment problem.

Therefore, I would again like to request the Central Government to issue licences for setting up sugar mills in Uttar

Pradesh in the national as well as public interest.

SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA (Pali): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the House to a very important matter. Lakhs of employees belonging to 196 branches of rural banks all over the country are agitating for the last several days and they are staging a dharna. They have also given a notice to go on strike from 31st March. The national tribunal award should be implemented by amalgamation of 196 branches of rural banks into an All India Rural Bank. I have drawn the attention of the hon. Finance Minister also towards this problem and I had requested him to take constructive and creative steps in this regard so that lakhs of employees working in nearly 400 branches of 196 rural banks and who are agitating this time could be benefited. There is much discontent among them and it is an injustice to them.

I, would, therefore, like to request that an All India Rural Bank should be constituted by nationalising all the branches of the rural banks in the country and their service conditions and conditions for customers should be decided. What happens today is that officers of the sponsored Banks come on deputation to these banks; They work as Managers for 3 years in these branches and indulge in corrupt practices and create many scandals there.

So, my submission is that all the branches of Rural Banks should be amalgamated and National Tribunal Award which was accepted after the Supreme Court verdict, should be implemented. It had been agreed to by the former Finance Minister..... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I am again saying that there are 542 Members in the House. The Members who have already spoken during the Question Hour should not speak under Rule 377 and those who have already spoken under Rule 377 should not speak during Zero Hour, so that everybody gets a chance to speak.

SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV (Shahjahanpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the journalists and press photographers fo Uttar Pradesh are in great danger. There are many such instances in which the pressmen have been beaten in collusion with the administration.

Sir, I had myself gone to Kanpur. There was a murderous assault on the life of press-photographer, Abhir Singh Alias Lalla. He was hit by the head and beaten mercilessly. The Government of Uttar Pradesh shed off its responsibility by just sanctioning a meagre amount of Rs. 10,000. Sir, the most shameful thing is that the photographers were attacked only because they had entered the venue of BJP meeting during the course of their President's Ekata Yatra.

MR. SPEAKER: It will get more publicity. if you people to on speaking on this.

SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV: There was a clash between senior journalists and photographers and police and the Senior Superintendent of Police threw a challenge to them. The result was that he engineered an assault on the photographer. The Chief Minister is talking of enquiry only... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. SPEAKER: It is over, please keep quiet now. This matter is being raised again and again. If you will speak more, it would get more publicity.

... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV: